

17 RICHARD TANGREN: *****
18 ******, Las Vegas 89104. You can put me down as
19 being in favor of this thing 120 percent as far as a
20 place to store the nuclear waste from our nation, not
21 from other nations, just ours.

22 It's the only logical place that we have in
23 the whole country. We've got the room. There's
24 nobody there. It's been set aside. We've tested
25 atomic weaponry there for many years. And besides

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1 that, it's right next door to the other government
2 test site up in Dugway, Utah. They tested chemicals,
3 we tested explosives. You knew that, didn't you.

4 I worked at both places. I helped build
5 Dugway and I helped build this one. And we worked
6 there for many years. And we walked around after
7 they exploded bombs, and I don't know of anybody ever
8 in my lifetime that ever died from radiation exposure
9 or had any problems to speak of from radiation
10 exposure or chemical exposure at either one of those
11 places.

12 I don't think everybody understands that,
13 but the ones that I met, nobody ever had any
14 problems. We had a lot of people that had a lot of
15 problems but that was because they drank a lot of
16 alcohol. They were drunks. But that's the worst I
17 ever saw.

18 You can put me down as being 120 percent in
19 favor of this.

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20 Now, let's put some specs on this so that we
21 can benefit from this. If we're going to be the
22 recipient of this, whatever they call it, vitally,
23 highly, technical, dangerous, whatever, that we ought
24 to be compensated for it as a state.

25 So I would suggest that just off the hat to

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1 arrive at a fair and equitable fee for this that the
2 other 50, how many states do we have now, 50 states,
3 that the other 49 states would be required to
4 contribute to this effort sufficient amounts of money
5 to pay all the expenses of the state of Nevada, the
6 government and running our cities and counties, you
7 know. It would not include any pay raises for the
8 bureaucrats, however. They have to stay where they
9 are. But that way we can quit paying taxes in our
10 state.

11 We can even up the ante maybe a little and
12 get a little extra money to have a party once in a
13 while, I don't know. But at least let's eliminate
14 all the taxes that the people in this state have to
15 pay and let these people that are storing their stuff
16 here pick up the tab is my point. And I think that
17 that would fly. I see nothing wrong with that.

18 They don't want it in New York, they don't
19 want it in Chicago, and they certainly don't want it
20 in L.A., and they don't have a place to put it
21 anyway, as far as I can determine. So where else
22 would they put it if not in either Nevada or the west

23 desert of Utah? That's about it. The southern part
24 of Idaho or Oregon.

25 But we've got the only place that's feasible

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1 and plausible and available right away. We've
2 already, if you will, contaminated, which I don't
3 believe, but we've already exploded a lot of nuclear
4 devices right here in your back door yard, my back
5 door yard. So I don't see that there's any big
6 problem there.

7 So I'm definitely in favor of bringing it
8 on, but whoever brings it on is going to pay. That's
9 my statement. And we can make these people pay
10 sufficient amounts of money that we don't have to pay
11 any more taxes and crap in our state to run it, then
12 I would be more than happy and glad and satisfied.

13 I might add that I have worked at both the
14 Dugway Proving Grounds in Utah and the Nevada Test
15 Site, which are side by side if you look at the map.
16 And I've waded through their chemicals and I've waded
17 through their atomic explosions and I've seen a lot
18 of people up there.

19 We had 10,000 people up here when I worked
20 up here. And I don't know of any one of them that
21 ever got sick or died from radiation exposure.
22 People died but because they had accidents, fell off
23 the high tower, got drunk, got killed in a car
24 accident, that kind of stuff. Nobody.

25 I haven't seen a case documented where

1 anybody has proven that they got hurt from radiation
 2 up there. There's been a lot of claims made I think,
 3 but I don't think any of them have been proven. I
 4 don't know whether the government has picked any of
 5 them up just out of a goodwill gesture or mercy or
 6 sympathy or anything else, I don't know. I would
 7 imagine that they have in some cases, but I don't
 8 think it was legit in my mind that these people got
 9 hurt up there from radiation exposure.

10 And so I say, yes, the state of Nevada
 11 should get behind this thing, bring it on. We can
 12 make them pay us enough money that we won't have to
 13 come up with any taxes. We'll be the envy of the
 14 whole world, and I'll be richer and so will everybody
 15 in this state.

16 We've got a good ride out of it too, by the
 17 way. Because people, like I talk to people, they say
 18 uh-huh, well, let's see, gambling is all you got down
 19 there. That's what made Las Vegas. No, gambling did
 20 not make Las Vegas. It's been here since 1933 I
 21 think legitimately. There's nothing here in gambling
 22 when I came here. I came here in 1950, by the way.

23 And it was the Test Site and all the people
 24 they hired up there, they had to have a place to
 25 live, and hence we started building subdivisions.

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1 The first subdivisions were built for the people who
2 worked at the Test Site and then we've just gone from
3 there. And I think we've done a pretty good job, I
4 mean taking the bare space out here with nothing and
5 build it.

6 The only thing I'm disappointed in is their
7 water system. They haven't solved that yet for our
8 city, and they could, because we've got all the water
9 we need right out here in the lake. Let's get it
10 fixed and bring some water in.

11 By the way, we need to get rid of the sewer,
12 so let's take care of that going the other way too,
13 back to the lake. We can take care of that in-house.
14 And, you know, that can be had. We need to take care
15 of that.

16 Oh, and we need to make a road in our town,
17 which has nothing to do with this, except if we do
18 any of this stuff, let's see, we've always had to
19 come right through out town to get to the mountain,
20 haven't we? Well, this may or may not be pertinent,
21 but we need to build a bypass around the city, and
22 the easiest place and the best place to build one
23 right now is on the other side of Sunrise Mountain.

24 Get the people from California coming up
25 through, don't have to come in this valley and out,

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1 coming down going the other way they don't want to
2 come to our town, fine, let them go by. We don't
3 really need them in here. But that has nothing to do

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4 with the mountain except, let's see, if you have a
5 big explosion they'd rather be over there on the
6 other side of the mountain. Just kidding.